Design control in both QSR and ISO 13485:2003 is complicated. Regardless of the complex structure, you need flawless execution. FDA investigators and notified body auditors will take pains to check your work against the regulatory requirements.

This workshop will help you learn the requirements, develop approaches, and execute them. Through examples and case studies you will solidify your understanding of design controls and learn how to develop procedures that define and document your approach.

Many device manufacturers market in the US, the EU, and Canada – the workshop compares and contrasts the requirements to help you develop a comprehensive system.

The workshop uses FDA’s Quality System Inspection Technique (QSIT) as a method to ensure correct implementation.

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“It was a very methodical approach, enjoyed the examples.”

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Day 1
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | REGISTRATION
AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Part A – Statutory and Regulatory Requirements
  - Design Control
    - EU – Medical Device Directive (MDD) & EN ISO 13485:2012
    - Canada – Canadian Medical Device Regulations (CMDR) & ISO 13485:2003
  - Conformity Assessment Paths
    - US – Premarket Submissions
    - EU – MDD Annex II Technical Files & Design Dossiers
    - Canada – Medical Device License

Exercise – Identify Total Design Control Requirements
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | BREAK

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Part B – Planning
  - Planning Stages
  - Interfaces

Exercise – Developing a Project Plan
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 pm | LUNCH BREAK

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Part C – Design Input
  - Requirements for the Procedure
  - Resolving design input issues (incomplete, ambiguous, or conflicting requirements)
  - Identifying the design input requirements
    - Performance
    - Functional
    - Safety
    - Regulatory
    - Market
  - Starting a trace matrix

Exercise – Developing and Resolving Input Requirements
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | BREAK

2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Part D – Design Outputs
  - Requirements for the Procedure
  - Total finished design output
    - The device
    - Packaging and labeling
    - Device Master Record (DMR)
  - Acceptance criteria
  - Essential product characteristics
  - Continuing the trace matrix

Exercise – Design Output Completeness
4:30 p.m. | SESSION WRAP-UP, END OF DAY ONE

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“The examples given were helpful, and the presentation was very easy to follow.”
— Karyn Schwitters, Regulatory Affairs Specialist, Anderson Packaging, Inc.

COURSE BINDER MATERIALS
  - Full slides from the PowerPoint presentations
  - A list of design control requirements and their regulatory source
  - A checklist for each required design control procedure
  - A copy of each interactive exercise worksheet
  - Reference documents:
    - FDA guidance on Design Controls
    - FDA Small Entity Compliance Guide on Design Controls
    - FDA guidance on Enhancements and Recalls
    - FDA guidance document on 510(k) changes
Day 2
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Part E – Design Review
- Requirements for the Procedure
  - What needs to be covered
  - Who needs to attend
  - How to document results
  - Integrating risk management
- Design Review at each Stage
- Creating and Closing Action Items
- Exercise – Identifying and Resolving Problems

Exercise – Identifying and Resolving Problems

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Part F – Design Verification
- Requirements for the Procedure
- Design Verification Tools
  - Failure Modes and Effects Analysis (FMEA)
  - Fault Tree Analysis (FTA)
  - Inspections and Tests
  - Document Review
  - Alternate Calculations
  - Similar Designs
- The sample size question
- Continuing the trace matrix

Exercise – Design Verification Methods

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH BREAK

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Part G – Design Validation
- Requirements for the Procedure
- Initial Products or Equivalents
- Defined conditions or simulation
- Software Validation
- Risk Management (ISO 14971:2007)
- Usability Engineering
- Continuing the trace matrix

Exercise – Examining a Design Validation Plan

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. BREAK

2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Part H – Design Transfer
- Requirements for the Procedure
- Process Controls, 820.70(a)
- Purchasing Data, 820.50(b)
- Process Validation, 820.75

Exercise – Determining Wean a Process Must be Validated

Part I – Design Changes
- Requirements for the Procedure
- Design change interrelationships — the five important consideration
- When a production change is a design change
- Does the design change create a new Device Identifier?
- Does the design change require an updated 510(k)?
- Does the design change impact the Risk Management File?
- Is the design change an enhancement or a recall
- The design change flow chart shows the picture
- Design change records

Exercise – Classify changes as a design change or a production process change

4:30 p.m. ADJOURN WORKSHOP
9 Comprehensive Exercises
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1. Identify Total Design Control Requirement — Participants review specific design control requirements, determine their source, and identify implementation methods.

2. Developing a Project Plan — Participants analyze a small example project, identify stages, and develop a Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) and a Gantt chart for the project.

3. Developing and Resolving Input Requirements — Participants develop a set of design inputs for an example product and use the results to identify missing, incomplete, or ambiguous requirements.

4. Design Output Completeness — Participants review design outputs for an example product and identify essential requirements, acceptance criteria, and gaps in the requirements.

5. Identifying and Resolving Problems — Design reviews systematically examine a design to evaluate its adequacy and capability with the intent to identify problems. Participants critique a design review to determine if it is sufficient.

6. Design Verification Methods — Participants examine paired design inputs and design outputs and determine the best tool for design verification. In some cases the analysis is extended to look specific aspects of the tools.

7. Examining a Design Validation Plan — Participants critique a design validation that starts with user needs and intended uses. The plan uses production equivalents and simulated use conditions.

8. Determining When a Process Must be Validated — Some production processes require process validation, while others do not. Participants will determine analyze processes transferred to production and document whether they require process validation.

9. Classify changes as a design change or a production process change — QSIT informs the FDA Investigator that Production and Process Changes could be Design Changes. This exercise provides participants an opportunity to classify changes and provides insight into the decisions to make in the QMS.

“I thought the presenter was thorough and provided real-world examples in order to enhance the presentation.”

— Isabel Hoverman, Quality Engineer, Orthofix, Inc.
ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR

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- Quality Managers
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- Quality Engineers
- Production Engineers
- Purchasing Managers
- Purchasing Agents involved in outsourcing production or processes
- Design Engineers
- Project Managers involved in design and development
- Specialists assigned to complaints, corrective actions, or medical device reporting
- Recall coordinators
- Medical staff evaluating risk, safety, or effectiveness
- General/corporate counsel

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